English Middle School for Girls at Chengannur.

263. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : With reference to the answer to question No. 38 at the 7th Session of the Sri Mulam Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have considered the question of raising the standard of the Government English Middle School for Girls at Chengannur into a High School ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the decision arrived at ; and

(*c*) whether they have already taken steps to provide funds for this in the next year's (1112) budget?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal has to be deferred until the question regarding the present site of the school is settled.

(*c*) No.

Grant-in-aid Vaidyasala at Puliyoor.

264. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations dated 5-10-1100, 25-4-1111 and subsequently, regarding the establishment of a grant-in-aid *Vaidyasala* at Puliyoor ; and

(*b*) the action taken by Government thereon ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is being considered in connection with the award of grant-in-aid to *Vaidyasalas* now recommended by the Inspector of Ayurveda.

Mararikulam New V. M. School.

265. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a Government Vernacular School called Mararikulam New V. M. School in District XIII ;

(*b*) the strength of the school and the number of classes in the school at present ;

(*c*) the number of other V. M. Schools in the District and the strength of each of them ;

(*d*) whether any proposal has been made to shift the upper classes of the Mararikulam New V. M. School to the Gnanodayam School to the north of it ;

(*e*) whether the Gnanodayam School is a private school or a Government school ;

(*f*) the number of students in the upper classes of the Mararikulam New V. M. School ;

(*g*) whether the Gnanodayam School has got a fund ;

(*h*) whether any amount has been budgetted in any of the sessions of the Sri Mulam Assembly for constructing additional building or extending the present building of the new V. M. School ; and

(*i*) if the answer to part (*h*) is in the affirmative, why the matter was dropped ?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Strength 648; No. of classes 16 (including divisions).

(*c*) 13; the strength of each school is as follows:

Departmental.			*Private.*	
1.	Ambalapuzha V. M. S.	434	1. Nedumudy N. S. V. M. S.	261
2.	Pulimkunnu V. M. S.	869	2. Champakulam St. Mary's	291
3.	Kavalam Do.	337	3. Perumthuruthy Gnanodayam	381
4.	Thakazhy Do.	371	4. Thathampalli V. M. S.	504
5.	Thiruvampady Do.	537	5. Punnapra V. M. S.	95
6.	Thalavady Do.	338	6. Kakazham S. N. V. V. M. S	373
			7. Ariad V. M. S.	159

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Private school.

(*f*) 153.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) The matter was deferred pending the orders of Government on the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee regarding V. M. Schools.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know from the member the grounds on which the proposal has been made?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Want of accommodation in the Government school.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether the authorities have ascertained whether the Gnanodayam school has got sufficient accommodation?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): At present it has got a certain amount of accommodation and the manager of the school has promised to provide the additional accommodation required.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): What is the present strength of the Gnanodayam school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is given in the answer.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether Perumthuruthy Gnanodayam school referred to in the answer is the Gnanodayam school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am not quite sure. I presume it is.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether the Government have considered the question of reconstructing the school?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government have not yet passed final orders on some of the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): What was the amount budgetted for the purpose?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): About Rs. 6,000.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): What is the cause of the difference in the strength between the Government school and the Gnanodayam school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It may be due to various reasons.

MR. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): I wish to know the reasons and whether they have ascertained the cause of the difference in the strength of the two schools.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Neither the Government nor the Director has considered the proposal. It is the proposal of the Divisional Inspector and the matter is under correspondence with him.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I wish to know whether they have ascertained the cause of the difference in the strength of the two schools.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is being ascertained.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): I wish to know whether the department will consider the convenience of the students and also the popularity of the school before they think of transferring these classes.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I can assure the honorable member that I will take into consideration all the relevant matters before I come to a decision.

The Director of Public Instruction.

266. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan has been appointed as Ag. Director of Public Instruction;

(*b*) what was his salary as the Principal;

(*c*) what was his salary as Deputy Director; and

(*d*) what is his present salary?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan assumed charge as Officiating Director of Public Instruction on the afternoon of the 11th May 1935/ 28th Medam 1110.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). Bh. Rs. 900 per mensem.

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